

Amendments to the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173, please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph after the brief description of FIG. 5 beginning at col. 2, line 5:

FIG. 6 is a front elevation of an embodiment of the present pup joints in which the male and female subs are threaded onto the length of pipe.

Please insert the following paragraph after the paragraph in column 3 that begins with “Referring to FIG. 5”:

FIG. 6 illustrates another embodiment of the present pup joints, in which the version of the male sub 114 shown in FIG. 4 and the version of the female sub 116 shown in FIG. 3 are threaded onto the ends of length of pipe 112. The threaded connection between the subs and the ends of length of pipe 112 are illustrated with dashed lines.